

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1081 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 970

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 970
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR NATURAL
DISASTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help mitigate the aftermath of
natural disasters by allowing the Governor, upon the declaration
of an emergency, to release up to ten percent of the total moneys
available in the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to provide
assistance to residents and businesses that have sustained damage
during or immediately after a natural disaster.

On March 17, 2006, the Governor sent a message requesting
your immediate consideration and passage of this bill to
appropriate emergency funding to "address the immediate emergency
costs being incurred by various departments as a result of the
recent devastation on Kauai[.]"

For purposes of the public hearing, your Committee circulated
a proposed H.D. 1 version that deletes the provisions of the bill
and inserts new language providing emergency appropriations as
requested by the Governor.

The Department of Defense (DOD), Department of the Attorney
General (AG), Department of Agriculture (DOA), Department of

HB970 HD1 HSCR FIN HMS 2006-2974



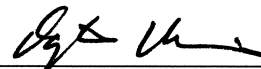
Transportation (DOT), and Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) testified in support of the proposed draft.

After careful consideration, your Committee has amended this bill by deleting its substance and inserting the contents of the proposed H.D. 1 version along with certain reporting requirements. Specifically, this measure seeks to repair the damage and destruction caused by the storms that ravaged Hawaii during February and March 2006 and address related issues by, among other things:

- (1) Making emergency appropriations of:
 - (A) \$50,000 in general revenues to DOA;
 - (B) \$1,000,000 in general revenues to AG;
 - (C) \$2,000,000 in general revenues to DOD;
 - (D) \$5,284,000 in general revenues to DLNR;
 - (E) \$2,800,000 from the State Highway Fund (Highway Fund) to DOT; and
 - (F) \$3,200,000 in federal funds to DOT;and
- (2) Requiring detailed periodic reports to the Legislature concerning the expenditures.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 970, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 970, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



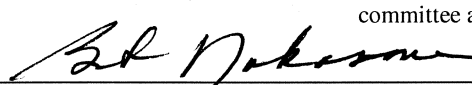
DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-third Legislature

HSCR 1081-06

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="text-align: center;">HB 970</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">3.21.06</div>			
Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center;">PSM, FIN</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit </div>				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)				✓
2. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C. (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
4. CHONG, Pono	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
7. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
8. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
10. TANAKA, Kameo	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MEYER, Colleen Rose	✓			
16. MOSES, Mark S.	✓			
17. PINE, Kymberly	✓			
18. STEVENS, Anne V.				✓
TOTAL	16			2
The recommendation is: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)</p> <div style="margin-left: 40px; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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